WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR 21ST JULY, 2003*

Funds Provided to NGOs Under Welfare Schemes

*1. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints about the way same NGOs got money under different kind of welfare schemes which are not producing good results; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) In such cases, the facts are ascertained. Wherever the allegation is substantiated on verification, action is taken to issue a show cause notice to the NGO, ordering recovery of the amount that has been misused and for blacklisting the organization.

Sex Determination Tests

*2. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's knowledge that despite the enactment of the stringent laws banning the use of sex determination tests including the use of pre-conception technologies, there is open advertisement occasionally in various magazines inviting the eligible couples to choose the sex of their unborn child;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tackle such flagrant violation of legal provision?

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 21st July, 2003 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Korambayil Ahammed Haji and Shri Bhagatram Manhar, sitting members. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, the 22nd July, 2003.